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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

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1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DRNDIC REGARDS PASSAGES ON YUGOSLAVIA IN ZHIVKOV SPEECH (REF A) AS ESSENTIALLY CONCILIATORY. HE DID NOT THINK HIS GOVT WOULD TAKE OFFENSE AT PASSAGE ABOUT BULGARIAN ROLE IN WORLD WAR II BECAUSE ZHIVKOV DID NOT CLAIM THAT BULGARIAN TOOK PART IN LIBERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA BUT ONLY THAT "SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE LEGENDARY SOVIET ARMY AND THE YUGOSLAV NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY" IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE "ULTIMATE DEFEAT OF FASCISM IN EUROPE".

2. ON THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION, DRNDIC COMPLAINED AS USUAL THAT BULGARIAN GOVT NEVER SPEAKS OF MACEDONIA "PEOPLE" AND WILL NOT EVEN ADMIT THAT IT HAS A MACEDONIAN MINORITY; BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED SPONTANEOUSLY THAT SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE STAUTS OF BULGARIA'S TURKISH MINORITY WHICH IS MUCH MORE NUMEROUS.

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3. INTERESTINGLY DRNDIC NOTED THAT IN ITS EFFORT TO

ASSIMILATE THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY THE BULGARIAN GOVT
IS GIVING THEM BENEFITS THAT MACEDONIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA
DO NOT RECEIVE, SO THAT ITS STANDARD OF LIVING IS
HIGHER THAN THAT OF OTHER BULGARIAN CITIZENS OR OF
MACEDONIANS IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE CITED EFFORTS TO BUILD
UP ECONOMY OF THE BLAGOEVGRAD AREA AS AN EXAMPLE OF
THIS POLICY.
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